Completion of Parichha Power Project

1877. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of Parichha Power Project in Jhansi of Uttar Pradesh is behind its deadline because of differences between different stakeholders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plan to take any action to resolve the matter and ensure speedy completion of the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Parichha Thermal Power Project Extention (2x210MW) in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh was under construction by Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyuat Nigam Limited. The original commissioning schedule of the project was envisaged as April, 2005 for Unit 3 and August, 2005 for Unit 4 respectively. The work on the project came to stand still during December, 2003 due to non release of payment to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) by the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) due to non furnishing of Government warranty/guarantee by Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The matter was taken up with the Government of Uttar Pradesh by the Government of India for furnishing the requisite warranty/ guarantee of PFC so that funds are released to BHEL and the work restarted. After the follow up the funds were released to BHEL in March, 2004 and the work restarted after about 13 months. The revised commissioning schedule of the project was envisaged as March, 2006 and September, 2006 for Unit 3 & 4. The work on the project is in the final stages of completion. The Unit 3 is likely to be commissioned during March, 2006 and Unit 4 in September, 2006 as per the revised schedule.

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†1878. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite Government's claim of World-

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.